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FREE RADIO FOCUS, No. 8, Sept/Oct '76. Price 10pence or 210G's. As from No. 9, FRF will be published monthly, and there is a NEW address for the magazine, it is: 15, The Chase, Crawley, Sx. Eng: Our old address; 49, West Way, Lancing, Sussex, is still used by member landbased stations to FORF. Editor: Mark Dezzani. Contributors: See Page 5.

FOCUS NEWSREEL, Times+GMT. (For CET/BST, add 1hr.)

R.N.I. boss Edwin Bellier stated on Veronica t.v. in Holland recently that he was in the country to prepare for the Rabo II to leave Slikerveer harbour on August 15th. He would not disclose where the boat was destined for though. The Rabo, however, did not sail on that date & the captain, Peter Gijbertsen said that it was because a full crew had not been found. English dj's, Bob Noakes & Robin Banks have been called up by Boilier, amongst others, so this seems the healthiest piece of news about RNI since it entered port 2 years ago, since then 3 more studios have been installed, the serial heightened & the transmitters overhauled. The RCA 105Kw Amiphase tx is said to, now be working at full capacity.

Veronica, the 'Nordserue', Veronica's broadcasting vessel from 1966-74 has been sold to an un-named person in Dordrecht, S.E. Holland for 60,000 guilders. The new owner is reported to have signed a contract with V.O.O. to preserve the ship in it's present form.

F.R. Legal in Italy! On 25/6 the Italian constitutional court ruled that private radio stations can freely operate all over Italy, providing the following conditions are recognised: Transmitters should have a local target area only; they must not interfere with RAI or any other broadcasting service; a law will have to rule how the authorisation will work in practice: The Italian gov't is expected to prepare a bill in the coming months, in the meantime the stations will continue as at present. For more details of FR in Italy see [this](#) [site](#).

PEP's 586.  
R. Andorra/WMR.On the 28/8 transmissions from Andorra,produced by World Music II, began on 6230kHz.WMR say they are to hire R.Andorra's tx for an experimental period of 3months every Sat.However since late July, every Sunday on 6230/20kHz a station called R.Andorra has been heard broadcasting Dutch pop programmes hosted by Bert Bennet, a former Mi-Amigo dj.Ads for 7UP & Canada Dry were heard.Address for reports for WMR is,PO Box 4078,Amsterdam,Holland.Correct report will be verified by a tel card if 2TEG's are enclosed.

... will be verified by a QSL card if this is the situation. Caroline/Mi-Amigo. On Thursday 8/7 a British Home Office launch drew up alongside the Mi-Amigo at approx 12.00 & threw a parcel of newspapers & magazines onto the deck, they then drew away & took up a position nearby hoping that some staff would come up & collect the parcel so they could photograph them. The staff onboard ant tight though! A similar attempt was also made on the following day. This was headline news throughout the day on Mi-Amigo but was only mentioned briefly on Caroline at 14.00 by Johnathan Day. Once again the Home Office wasted public money on harrassing Caroline.

New dj's on Caroline are; Steve Kent, Brian Richards & Ed Foster. August 14th wasn't forgotten by Caroline. In the morning Steve Kent played sides 1&2 of Jumbo record's 'Caroline Story.' At 10.00 'We Love the Pirate Stations' was played & at midnight a segue of tunes -s relevant to the 9th anniversary of the passing of the RIA, was played.....  
.....continued opposite.

### FOCUS: NEWSPAPERS Cont'd...

Caroline has reverted to it's post HOA '67 tactics regarding advertising, it was revealed exclusively to PRF by a member of the Caroline organisation. Only a small percentage of ads aired are in fact paid for. Caroline has a new mailing address, it is: Valkenboslaan 18, The Hague, Holland. This is a private address & visitors aren't welcome. Samantha said that all mail sent to Gerons had been destroyed. The Hi-Anime office is still open though.

The Mi-Amigo office is still open though. M.O.L. Stickers ~~case~~. Ronnie Doyle & John Shannon who were given suspended prison sentences & £500 costs each for violating 5 separate articles in the ROI '67 for promoting an offshore station are to appeal as they say that their prosecutions violate Human Rights as in the Strasbourg Treaty. They appeared in court on 29/7 to discuss legal points & will appear in Liverpool's Lime St. Crown Court on Mon 6/9 at 10am for the appeal. Read Living PR News no.3 for a very good article by Ronnie Doyle. 20p+ee from P.O. Box 416, Birmingham B52-2WJ.

Landbased Pirate News Switzerland. At the beginning of June near Genève an FM pirate tx was heard calling itself R.101. They broadcast a daily 1hr prog called, 'Music, dance, revolt & subversion!'. The tx was kept in a shoebox. The Swiss PTT on the 15/6 using a D/Fing helicopter traced the tx to woods near the French border. Newspapers reported that the station got away in time though. R. Nemesis Int', a new FORP member station will be testing on 6250kHz soon. They use a 60w tx & utilise FORP's 'lancing' address. They say 'Nemesis' means revenge, & their revenge is on messers Wilson & Short for enforcing the MOA 9years ago. R. Valentine mentioned that they were still using their 50w tx at the beginning of their 1/8 transmission. They said that they were having trouble in getting the new 1kW tx to work. R. Valleri has a new mailing address, but it's only temporary, it is: 47, Claremount Drive, Dublin 9, Ireland. R. Dublin. On Sat 12/6, there was a march to Leinster House in Dublin to hand over an application for a licence for R. Dublin. Assembly was at 1pm & the march started at 2pm. Some carrying banners.

1.25. There were 200 supporters present, some carrying banners.  
Leicester. Alternative R. Leicester, (ARL), is back on the air after trouble with the GPO. Transmission times are, Sun's, 3pm, 227m, M.W. Radio Free Midlands returned on 14/8 at 12midnight CET on 227m, exactly the 9th anniversary anniversary of the passing of the British RBA. London. The LMR, (London Transmitter of Independent Radio), has been restarted & R. Jackie is said to be behind it. So far it goes out twice a week, on Fri' nights under Lon' Music R. & on Sat' nights under R. Jackie, both on 94.4MHz & both play rock music. A few years back, the LMR went out 4 nights a week putting out progs from; Radio Kaleidoscope, London Underground, Aquarius, Jackie, Classic & many others. The network, which was then organised by Ibis Cohen, shutdown when the 2 London commercial stations, (Capital & LBC), opened in Oct' 75. There was an attempt to restart it last year with Aquarius & Kaleidoscope, but this flopped. LMR has a new address, it is; 19, Newport Court, London EC2 7JB, as well as on Fri on 94.4, LMR can be heard on Sun's between 09412.00GMT on 1358kHz, 222m. R. Big Noise, 269m, can be heard Fri evenings. The London Sounds use a 50w tx on 270m & plays soul music, they also have a s.w. outlet called 'Europe Music R.' More details can be obtained from; 15/EMR, c/o PDRP's Lancashire address. East Coast R., has recently increased power from 30w to an unspecified power & was logged with good strength in GB on 25/7. The progs which are broadcast from Sweden are in Eng & in Scandinavian languages. Their address is; c/o PRL, PO Box 46, N-6650 Surnadal, Norway. R. Solent City has a new address, it is now; c/o Kent Place, Horwell, Newark, Notts, Eng., & not the Isis of eight address as printed on p.2. !!!MAY 1982 OVERPAGE!!!

#### Приложение 1

Case Report: BOMO COURT CASE COGI 0P11111 Part 1.

Score: Radio Albatross (RA) 1 : 2 Colchester BomC.O., how RA was the 3rd leg of their running battle with the authorities!

At 11.47am local time in the Magistrates Court, Bury St. Edmunds, (B.S.E.S.), Suffolk, England on Thurs 26/8 '76, a 25 year old electronics engineer, Martin Peter Bolten appeared to answer charges brought by Raymond Frank Cassell of the Home Radio Services Division, Colchester, Essex that, 'He did on the morning of Easter Sunday, 16/4 '76 in B.S.E.S.: 1) Use a Wireless Receiver other than in accordance with & in contravention of the 1949 W.T. Act., 2) Use apparatus for Wireless Telegraphy other than in accordance & in contravention of the 1949 W.T. Act.

Bolton, who by his own choice was not legally represented entered a plea of 'Not Guilty' to both charges & the case began with Mr. Anthony Brentnall acting for prosecution. Before continuing with details of the proceedings & their highly satisfactory outcome, here briefly is Bolton's story: On Easter Sunday morning Bolton was at his home at 132, York Rd, B.S.Eds, casually tuning the mw band of his Hi-Fi radio, when he came across a plain un-modulated carrier on approx' 1286kHz. Because he knew from reading the local press & from being in the public gallery during earlier court cases, that 1286kHz was a freq used by RA & because he could detect a 500Hz whine on the carrier which indicated the possible use of a Rotary Power converter, he assumed that the signal was coming from RA. Although Bolton was not himself actively involved in operating RA, some of it's regular operators were friends of his, indeed one of them owed him repayment of a £92.50 loan! Enjoying a lunchtime drink & being attorney broke, Bolton was reminded of this fact upon hearing the RA signal. So he decided to try & find the transmission site of RA, assuming that his friend would be there & he would be able to get at least a 'Fiver' of the loan repaid, thus enabling him to have his usual lunchtime drink at the local. Bolton set off on foot from his home, without carrying a receiver of any kind! This was because there were only 2 points of high ground suitable for tx work near (within a 1 mile) his home & as the signal strength meter on his home radio had given a max readout, he assumed that RA must have been coming one of them. He headed first for an unsafe & thus unoccupied block of houses in Jacqueline Close, B.S.Eds. Upon approaching the houses Bolton spotted a long aluminium pole sticking out of a window with a wire running along it & from it. He guesses that he assumed correctly first time. Meanwhile, unknown to Bolton, Police Constable Reeder & a colleague from the local force, had been touring the area in a black Marica collecting dumped bikes when they spotted the pole & stopped to investigate. Also unknown to Bolton, the op's of RA had seen the police arrive & switched off the tx before scurrying with just the prog cassette & 1286crystal. Bolton walked along from the back of the houses, turned the corner & bumped smack into..... PC Reeder & colleague! PC Reeder was very pleasant & after Bolton explained what he was doing there, the police asked him to go inside. In one room they found what was obviously the RA gear, off the air & minus a cassette & xtal. Bolton stated it was not his gear but using his expertise answered questions on what was what, disconnected it & helped load it into their van. They took his name & address before leaving him to walk home thinking 'That was that.' Well, that was that, until several days later when Bolton received a phone call asking him to go to the local police station late that evening, which he did & upon arrival was shown into a large interview room. On the floor was the RA gear, on a chair sat PC Reeder & behind a large tab he sat... Raymond Frank Cassell & M.P. Hawkins of the Home. They had been called in by the B.S.Ed police!

been called in by the B.O.E.D. police!!  
Sonic will be here Saturday afternoon late in the day!!  
Police testimony at the trial!! Also newsradio page 911!!

LOGBOOK.Key;E-English,G-German,D-Dutch,P-Pop,A-Albums,S-Soul,F-Folk  
S-Soul,O-Oldies,CH-Country heard,SW-Sweden,IR-Ireland.

...Station.....Date...Freq...Time,GMZ...S:I:N:P:O:...P.....CH.

Unmissions from PEP Logbook.

- a)ABC England.....30/5...6270...10.15...2:3:2:3:2...E/A...E.
- b)ABC England.....27/6...6270...10.15...4:5:3:4:3...E/A...SW.
- c)ABC England.....4/7...6270...11.15...3:3:2:2:2...E/A...G.

This months log.

- 1)R.Hawaii.....11/7...1322...00.05...3:4:3:3:3...E/O...E.
- 2)R.Vaticans Int'...11/7...1318...00.22...4:4:4:4:4...E...E.
- 3)Northeast Sound....11/7...6253...09.34...3:2:3:3:3...E...E.
- 4)ABC England.....11/7...6270...10.22...5:5:5:5:5...E/A...E.
- 5)R.Caroline Int'...11/7...6240...10.30...3:4:2:3:3-2:0/P...E.
- 6)Skyport R.....11/7...6230...11.27...5:5:5:5:5...E,G...E.
- 7)R.Vallieri.....18/7...6260...09.45...2:4:4:3:2...E/P...E.
- 8)ABC England.....18/7...6270...11.00...5:5:2:3:4...E/O...E.
- 9)R.Andorra.....25/7...6230...09.00...5:5:3:3:4...D/P...E.
- 10)R.Sovereign Int'...25/7...6215...09.43...5:5:4:5:5...E/P...E.
- 11)ABC England.....25/7...6270...10.00...4:4:3:4:4...E/A...E.
- 12)R.Sunshine Int'...25/7...6251...11.55...3:4:2:3:3:5...E,G...E.
- 13)R.Andorra.....1/8...6230...08.45...4:4:4:4:4...D/P...E.
- 14)R.Sovereign Int'...1/8...6215...09.15...4:4:4:4:4...E/P...E.
- 15)R.Sunshine Int'...1/8...6240...09.44...Poor-Fair...E...G.
- 16)R.Vallieri.....1/8...6260...09.50...5:5:3:3:4...E/P...E.
- 17)R.Solent City.....1/8...6280...10.27...Excellent...E/P...E.
- 18)R.Valentine.....1/8...6265...11.10...3:2:4:3:2...E/P...E.
- 19)ABC England.....1/8...6270...11.16...3:2:4:3:2...E/A...E.
- 20)R.Gloria Int'...1/8...6250...11.20...2:3:3:2:2...E/A...E.
- 21)R.Andorra.....8/8...6230...08.45...4:4:4:4:4...D/P...E.
- 22)R.Caroline Int'...8/8...6225...09.45...3:3:3:2:2...E,G/P...E.
- 23)ABC England.....8/8...6270...10.05...3:3:3:3:3...E/A...E.
- 24)Westside R.....8/8...6225...11.15...3:2:3:3:2...E/P...E.
- 25)R.Andorra.....15/8...6230...09.05...4:4:4:3:4...D/P...E.
- 26)Westside R.....15/8...6216.5...09.55...4:4:4:3:4...E/P...E.
- 27)ABC England.....15/8...6270...10.26...3:3:3:3:3...E/MOA...G.
- 28)R.Solent City.....22/8...6250...09.48...4:3:3:3:3...Fair...E.
- 29)Skyport R.....22/8...6220...10.13...3:3:3:3:3...E...E.
- 30)Station 48.....22/8...6215...10.47...2:2:2:2:2...G/Test...E.
- 31)Westside R.....22/8...6216.5...11.00...4:4:4:4:4...E/P...E.
- 32)R.Andorra.....22/8...6220...11.01...2:2:2:2:2...D/P...E.
- 33)World Music R.....3/9...6230...10.45...4:3:3:2:3...E/P...E.
- 34)R.Whiteshaw?....4/9...1320...23.25...3:2:3:3:2-3...E/D...E.
- 35)R.Andorra.....5/9...6220...09.28...4:4:3:3:3...D/P...E.
- 36)Westside R.....5/9...6216.5...11.05...3:4:4:3:3...E/B,OFF,E
- 37)R.Valentine.....5/9...6250...11.38...4:4:4:3:4...E/P...E.

Addressess. 1)Spindrop 3a, EnserGampas Holland. 2)PO Box 77, Raalte, Holland. 3, 4, 5, 10, 14, 15/9/76 10/9/76 11/9/76 12/9/76 13/9/76 14/9/76 15/9/76 16/9/76 17/9/76 18/9/76 19/9/76 20/9/76 21/9/76 22/9/76 23/9/76 24/9/76 25/9/76 26/9/76 27/9/76 28/9/76 29/9/76 30/9/76 31/9/76 32/9/76 33/9/76 34/9/76 35/9/76 36/9/76 37/9/76 38/9/76 39/9/76 40/9/76 41/9/76 42/9/76 43/9/76 44/9/76 45/9/76 46/9/76 47/9/76 48/9/76 49/9/76 50/9/76 51/9/76 52/9/76 53/9/76 54/9/76 55/9/76 56/9/76 57/9/76 58/9/76 59/9/76 60/9/76 61/9/76 62/9/76 63/9/76 64/9/76 65/9/76 66/9/76 67/9/76 68/9/76 69/9/76 70/9/76 71/9/76 72/9/76 73/9/76 74/9/76 75/9/76 76/9/76 77/9/76 78/9/76 79/9/76 80/9/76 81/9/76 82/9/76 83/9/76 84/9/76 85/9/76 86/9/76 87/9/76 88/9/76 89/9/76 90/9/76 91/9/76 92/9/76 93/9/76 94/9/76 95/9/76 96/9/76 97/9/76 98/9/76 99/9/76 100/9/76 101/9/76 102/9/76 103/9/76 104/9/76 105/9/76 106/9/76 107/9/76 108/9/76 109/9/76 110/9/76 111/9/76 112/9/76 113/9/76 114/9/76 115/9/76 116/9/76 117/9/76 118/9/76 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Invicta was formed in 1970, its purpose was to campaign for more soul music on the BBC. It started programming on 88MHz, every evening using an old ex-army transmitter of about 5w, until 1971 when a 100w tx was constructed. To cut a very long story short, the station operated every Sunday for 18months, until the GPO took a professional interest in Invicta's activities, making weekly broadcasts impossible.

In 1973 it was decided to operate the station only on Bank Holiday weekends, which we have done very successfully for the past three years.

At this time it was also decided that Invicta's future lay in being able to deter the GPO by using several VHF transmitters and switching between them. Further tx's were built, making a total of four 100watt transmitters operating on 92.4MHz VHF; these are currently being used in different parts of London from in excess of 11 locations.

The station started stereo tests in November '73, and London first heard a full stereo broadcast on Boxing Day of '74. The stereo equipment of the station took over a year to complete, as a new studio had to be built, incorporating the necessary dual channel mixing equipment, tape decks, jingle machines etc..

The completed studio contains the following equipment:  
A six channel stereo mixer with usual PFL, independent mono mixing & talkback facilities. Two three head stereo tape decks (Akai 4000d, Sony TC377,) one two head stereo recorder, (Sony TC200), four Philips EL 3302 cassette recorders, one 'King' cartridge jingle machine with stereo playback, Celestion Ditten 44's as studio monitor speakers, Shure M44e cartridges, Garrard 3P25 mkIV record decks, Sony DCM 270 & ICM 99 microphones etc.etc..

From this you can see that Radio Invicta believes in transmitting the highest possible quality, as we feel that a pirate on FM ought to be of some comparison, technically speaking, with the IBA or BBC. Failure to transmit a reasonable audio quality makes listeners realise that they are listening to a pirate station, and Invicta classes itself as being one above the poor quality, run-of-the-mill, VHF pirates that occasionally appear on band II.

Over the past 12 months, Invicta has experimented with transmissions on medium wave & short waves; with the help of another London pirate, I.M.R., Invicta has been relayed on 1356Khz, on several occasions with variable results. 1975 saw the London stereo project in which we were proud to take part. Following this transmission some visitors from abroad came to London to meet the sp's. They offered to start an Int'l service of Invicta on 5217.5Khz, this was accepted, thus Invicta sv was born. The Int'l service is on every other Sun on 5217.5Khz from 10.30-11GMT & has progs of an Int'l nature. Our VHF broadcasts on 92.4 KHz are on every Bank Holiday Sunday. On 29/8 '76, 10am-5pm & 10pm-midnight with the Tony Johns late show.

James Tate.

\*\*\*\*\* PRO Ireland Newsletter, No. 2 out now. 20p + P&P from 55 Charleston Rd, Ranelagh, Dublin 6, Ireland. Includes full report on the R. Dublin march, also Capitol R. returns, R. Lary mystery, Premier R. etc.\*\*\*\*\*

Next Month's feature Story is Radio Valentine

## The History of Pirate Radio in Leicester. Part 2, By Cpt. Blackbeard

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Well, here I am again with another installment of pirate radio in Leicester, if you remember in part 1, I covered the stations that had been on from 1964-69, well in compiling this new light has been thrown on the year 1969. Several other stations have been drawn to my notice, these are as follows; Radio England, Britain Radio, both these stations are believed to have been run by the same person and were heard around the summer of '69 with a power of about 100w at night on 225m.w. None of these stations had any regular format and no mailing address was used. And so the year of 1970 dawned and Leicester had still to have its first regular pirate station. Trans World Radio was heard during the summer of 1970 with fairly regular programmes the d.j. being Dave (the Clethars) Dean, this particular d.j. was to become very popular over the coming years in Leicester, and was heard on various stations which I'll mention in later editions of F.E.F. TWR of course had nothing to do with the official TWR in Monte Carlo, it could be heard on 225m.w. with a power of 250w and was the first station to pioneer mobile broadcasts in Leicester. They gave their address as; Mike Harris, University of Nottingham. 1970 came & went, TWR being the only station.

And so to '71 the year when the pirate scene began to be very active. The stations on the air were; 1. Free Midlands, TWR & 2. Caroline Int'. R.F.M. could be heard most Sat' nights on 227m.w. with 30watts. Despite this low power R.F.M. put out an excellent signal & reports were received from as far away as Sweden & Norway. The d.j.'s on R.F.M. were as follows; Mark West, Dave Ross, Mike Allen & Rochester Hillward. R.F.M. was the first station to attract the regular attention of the GPO, and was forced to close down after six months of operation but it had managed to get itself in the local evening paper, also it was the first station to do this. The headlines in the 'Leicester Mercury' dated 20/9/71 said, 'GPO Experts in Hunt for City Pirate.' What had in fact happened was, the 'Leicester Mercury' had managed to do what the GPO hadn't, to find the op's of R.F.M. One of the staff was threatened by the 'Leicester Mercury', 'If you don't give us a story we'll tell the GPO.' So of course R.F.M. gave the Mercury a story as they didn't want to be given away & so the first real attempt at providing a regular service had been squashed. TWR had managed to do a couple of broadcasts during '71, but they were very spasmodic. Radio Caroline Int' was heard only once, the d.j. being Mike Harris & the address at Nottingham University. Well, that completes part two of the History of Pirate Radio in Leicester, in part three I shall be looking at the years 1972-73 but the best is yet to come: Cpt. Blackbeard.

### FOCUS NEWSHEET Cont'd.

H.Solent City was heard with a test on 1/8 on 6260kHz, 40w. Their mailing address is; The Chief Engineer, 29 Albany Rd, Newport, Isle Of Wight, England. Two d.j.'s were featured in the test prog, Brian Day of H.Sovereign Int' & Michael Jay. The test ended at 11.15 & just before closedown they mentioned the 'Living FM Society.'Prog content & quality was reported as being good. They replied to our reporters letter in 3 days (!). Michael Jay stated that they use a 15w tx with an inverted 'L' antenna well earthed by aluminium rods driven into the ground at intervals & connected together. The studio equipment includes twin Garrard decks, 5 ch. mixer (home built), a dynamic mic & twin cassette recorders. They also say that due to encouraging response from the test they hope to be on regularly & plan a progressive music prog & a dx prog once a month. More newsreal..... Overpage.....  
Hav H06U Itala, 1111kHz, 269m for sale/exchange. Also 1290kHz, 101. 1599kHz, H06U, for exchange. No sw in exchange please. Also others for exchange only from; Box 1-FORP, 49, West Way, Lancing, Sussex.

**FOCUS NEWSREEL Cont'd:**

Free Radio Focus: Sorry, no qsl of the month, focus flashback  
due to lack of space. Back in FRF9 out early November!

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A powerful 'New' 500W-2kw a.w. station, due to start in 1977, urgently require reliable, trustworthy & above all, regular (ie, not likely to move in next 2-3yrs) mailing address in N. London! If you're into FR & are prepared to 'Forward' our mail Free-Of-Service-Charge on a weekly basis (We pay all postage expenses), then please write at once to: -Chris Cortes, c/o ABC England, 42, Arran Close, Cambridge, CB3-4JH.

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NEWS.....

East Anglia: The past few months have seen a big 'clampdown' on FR stations in East Anglia. Apart from R. Albatross (p4) other stations in trouble have been: Swinging N. England, N. Norfolk, 234m, 1286kHz, Norfolk's only mw pirate! Although it has been kept quiet FRF have heard that this stn was 'done' sometime ago in a combined raid by Norwich, Cambridge & Colchester HomD. Apparently the HomD were impressed with the professional sound & equipment of the stn which was run by a fairly large group of guys in their early twenties. Their case comes up in Fakenham Magistrates Court on a yet to be fixed date & an FCRP reporter will be there, so watch FRF for a full report! Poppy-Ha-Ha-Boat. The local police-man who went on the SRE raid, turned to one of the senior HomD officials & said about the pirate 's ringleader, "This is embarrassing as I know the lad. He runs a mob-style disco & they did our local police dance for us not long ago!" R. Neptune International, Royston, Herts. Approx 240m. At 7.40pm local time on Mon 10/8 '76, M.P. Hawkins, R.F. Cassell (HomD Colchester), Fred Softly, Paul Duke (HomD Cambridge) & an officer from the local police raided the caravan home of warehouseman Richard Royal at London Rd, Barkway, Mr Royston, Herts & put this new station off the air! The main 60W tx & the 10W standby (both obtained from a source well known to Record Mirror readers) were confiscated together with a tape recorder & tapes. A 'Receipt' was given in the normal way. Dick Royal who is married with a 3month old son, told FCRP, "They searched the caravan for the tx. RNI had only been operating for about 10days & the range of the main tx had not been fully established. The stn came on at 1pm Sat & Sun & Wed' evenings. Dick now realises he made 3 big mistakes; He ran the station far too often & too long each time; He ran it after dark causing qrm to legit' stns; He ran the stn too near the biggest HomD monitoring station in East Anglia at Baldock! Dick now has a new 80W tx but has been strongly advised not to use it till after his court case which FRF will feature. We also have an exclusive interview with Dick! R. Rock, Saffron Walden, 214m & 2. Caroline, 214m. Both have eluded the hands of the HomD, but as neither has started regular transmissions this is hardly surprising. Rock was heard on 30/8 playing the Li 1.p with no 1.4. ABC England, on their 1st birthday prog on 5/9 used their new 220W tx for the 1st time! There was a special prog with ABC's history & interviews. \*\*\*\*\* Contributors: Chris Cortes, Gary Day, Tim Webb, Roger Tate, Ray Vail, Roger Knight, LFRS, AWR, SBC, A. Botsford, Valentine, G. Blackboard, FRC, Island, many others. Thanks to all! FRF9 out early Nov. Remember new address: 13, The Chase, Crawley, Sussex. Eng. Contribution deadline: 25/10.

